

MARICOPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTE BOOK

**SPECIAL SESSION
August 4, 2003**

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Arizona convened at 9:00 a.m., August 4, 2003, in the Tom Sullivan Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Fulton Brock, Chairman, District 1; Andy Kunasek, Vice Chairman, District 3; Don Stapley, District 2, Max W. Wilson, District 4, and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5. Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Shirley Million, Administrative Coordinator; David Smith, County Administrative Officer; and Paul Golab, Deputy County Attorney. Votes of the Members will be recorded as follows: (aye-no-absent-abstain).

Motion was made by Supervisor Wilson, seconded by Supervisor Kunasek and unanimously carried (5-0) to convene in Executive Session to consider the following items.

LEGAL ADVICE, CONTRACTS SUBJECT TO NEGOTIATIONS -- A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3) AND (A)(4)

Affiliation Agreement for Graduate Medical Education with Planned Parenthood of Central and Northern Arizona and Amendment of Resident Contracts for Academic Year 2003-2004

Rick Romley, County Attorney
Paul Ahler, Chief Deputy, County Attorney's Office
Chris Keller, Division Chief, Division of County Counsel
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MedPro Contract Negotiations

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Bill Sims, Moyes, Storey

SPECIAL SESSION RECONVENED

Special Session reconvened at 11:40 a.m.

TEXT OF HOSPITAL DISTRICT PUBLICITY PAMPHLET

Motion was made by Supervisor Stapley, seconded by Supervisor Wilson, and unanimously carried (5-0) to approve the text of argument for inclusion in publicity pamphlet regarding ballot measure to be voted on at the November 4, 2003, election, in accordance with ARS §19-124 and action of the Board of Supervisors in July 2003. At its July 2, 2003, meeting, the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors took action in response to a new state law which allows creation of a health care district for continuing hospital, trauma, emergency and Arizona Burn Center services in Maricopa County, and authorizes levy of an annual secondary property tax for a period not to exceed twenty years. This new law allows for future closure of county hospital, trauma, emergency services, and the Arizona Burn Center, if a health care district is not approved by the voters at a countywide election. (Title 48, chapter 31, Arizona Revised Statutes, A.R.S. §§ 48-5501 et seq.) The County Board of Supervisors gave public notice of calling for an election on that measure and inviting pro and con arguments to be filed ninety days before the election. Because the Board of Supervisors is the body adopting and referring the measure to a vote at the November 4, 2003, election, an action of the Board of Supervisors is needed to approve the text of this argument and the payment of the applicable publication fee (A.R.S. §19-124). (C2004001M) (F23121)

The following text was approved for use by the Board:

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"The hospital must be preserved.

Maricopa County's hospital has provided health services to county residents for over a century, but now faces a long list of challenges. Declining federal and state funding, managed care, nurse and doctor shortages, and deteriorating buildings top the list. In spite of these factors, the hospital operates Arizona's only burn center, an emergency center that serves 70,000 patients annually, and 11 family health clinics located throughout the valley.

Unlike law enforcement and criminal justice, the county is not required to operate a hospital. However, closing the hospital would be devastating to the community. Maricopa County would be left without a burn center; emergency rooms throughout the county would be flooded with patients; and Maricopa County's nationally renowned physician training program would close.

In December 2002, the Board of Supervisors commissioned a Citizens' Task Force to recommend the best course for the future of the hospital. The Task Force held public hearings and ultimately recommended that the voters of Maricopa County create this health care district. The state legislature and Governor supported the Task Force's recommendation by passing a law that allows the creation of a health care district, subject to public vote.

The future of the Maricopa Integrated Health System is now in the hands of the voters of Maricopa County. We believe that the county's hospital is worth saving. We ask that you vote in favor of Proposition 414."

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Fulton Brock, Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board